

Mohegan Pequot Model Railroad



The News for: August, 2008

Club RailFanning Trip

It is still not too late to sign up for the Club Trip. If you have any questions or want to go, contact Stu Dom or Jim Delany (See Club Admin.). We will be leaving at ~6:00 AM and heading to Fostoria on Wednesday, August 6. Thursday will be in Fostoria and by Friday evening the caravan will arrive in Altoona. Saturday will be spent in Altoona, Horseshoe Curve and other hot train watching spots in the area. On Saturday night we arrive in Harrisburg and view the Rockville Bridge in the warm light of sunset. Sunday will find us all over the Harrisburg area, leaving in the afternoon and returning to Connecticut around 9:00 PM.

Meetings, Schedule & Work Sessions

The August meeting will be held at the Bill Library in Ledyard at 7:30 PM on Sunday August 24. This will be preceded by an all-day work session at Larry Southwick's house beginning around 10:00 in the morning. Work sessions will be held at Larry's house in North Stonington on Wednesday evenings August 13, 20, & 27, starting around 7:00 PM.

The President's Corner

After a very busy first half to 2008, things have leveled off and I finally have some time for model trains, and more importantly the M&P! January started off with a promotion to the ranks of Management, and with it a new set of challenges at work. Although I was quick to learn that I like

managing and all the fun that comes with it, it is a lot of work when you're trying to figure out what you're doing while you're doing. All the while, I was studying to take the PE (Professional Engineering) Exam in April. 8 hours of test taking fun came and went, and in mid June, I found out I had passed, and I'm now officially Daniel DeLany P.E....very cool. The best was yet to come, and on June 28, 2008, Rachel and I were married at Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford. It was a fantastic day, followed by two amazing weeks in Hawaii, which is truly paradise. Unfortunately, we actually had to board the plane and fly home (I was all for staying in Hawaii), and on the way home, we realized we were both kinda looking forward to getting back to a normal schedule.

On the way home, I started to get my mind geared up for the next year of M&P activities. In the short term, we had the club railfanning trip...one of my favorite M&P activities. In the long term, we had work to do on the modules, (new electrical connectors, repairs, and oh yea, I need to actually finish all my new modules), as well as Springfield '09, and the Big One, the 2009 National Convention and National Train Show (NTS). Other bits and pieces include the quest to create a club calendar, keep upgrading the website, and continuing our marketing of the club.

In August we'll re-start our monthly Sunday work sessions at Larry's, and also rearrange the basement to better facilitate our preparation for Springfield and the NTS. The goal is to ensure our layout is looking its best, and working

Fostoria, Enola Yard, Altoona, Horseshoe Curve, Rockville Bridge, Marysville, Bellvue Yard, Lycoming Valley & More !

dependably for both of these shows, with the greatest emphasis put on the NTS. The National Train Show affords us a one time opportunity for the M&P to shine on the biggest stage the hobby has to offer. We've all put in a tremendous amount of work over the last few years, and this coming year will be as busy as ever, but the potential rewards for the M&P far exceed anything in the past. Let's be sure we all put the Mohegan and Pequot's best foot forward. See you Wednesday night!

John Waller's Column

Mr. Waller is vacationing in Australia this month. His column will resume upon his return.

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Operating Sessions

Jonathan Harger is still holding operating sessions at his home layout in East Lyme on the second and fourth *Tuesdays* of the month at 7:00 PM. Check with Jonathan for directions and to see if there are any changes. Call (860) 739-4224 or hejeharger@ct.metrocast.net.

Letters to the Editor

None

The Market Place

Club Member Ads

Advertise (free) here to reach more than fifty model railroaders eagerly waiting to buy your wonderful stuff. (Editor's Note: Let me know when your item sells or when you want to stop running the advertisement.)

Wanted Items

Looking for junk plastic steam engine bodies for kitbashing, the Athearn clips to hold in the couplers if anyone had replaced them with something else and firewood or potential firewood (prototype). Contact Jonathan Harger at 860-739-4224 or hejeharger@ct.metrocast.net

The Club Store

Inventory is complete. Please buy from the Club store if you need "stuff". A list of "stuff" will be published in the Newsletter year 2008 (2009/10?)

Commercial Corner

Nothing here

The Life Section

Go on the Club railfanning trip.

The Technical Section

No technology this month.

World-Wide-Web

We need updated pictures of layouts and modules for the Club website. Contact the Webmaster or the Club President, Dan Delany to get your pictures online.

Railroad Calendar

August 2008

August 24; Ledvard, CT: Monthly meeting at the Bill Library starting at 7:30 PM. Preceded by a Sunday work session at Larry's house starting around 10:00 AM.

August 13, 20, & 27; North Stonington, CT: Wednesday night work sessions at Larry Southwick's house at 200 Wyassup Rd. from 7:00 PM.

August 6-10; Fostoria, OH & Other Places: Annual Club Railfanning trip.

Next Month and Beyond

Train Shows from Ron's List

(Ron Pothier at repth@snet.net for latest information.)

September 11-14, Liverpool, NY NER

Convention -2008. - Holiday Inn 441

Electronics Parkway Syracuse-Liverpool Exit 37

Empire Junction 08

NMRA-NER, Central New York Division

Fostoria, Enola Yard, Altoona, Horseshoe Curve, Rockville Bridge, Marysville, Bellvue Yard, Lycoming Valley & More !

September 21, Webster, Mass. –, The P&W Railfan Club & Museum 10AM-3PM,– Webster Elks Club Contact: Ed Deluca, e-mail, ejdeluca@snet.net

The Lighter/Heavier Side

NOAH

In the year 2008, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the United States, and said: Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me.

Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans.

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark. Noah! He roared, I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark ?

Forgive me, Lord, begged Noah, 'but things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system.

My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision.

Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark 's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - But no go!

When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew.

Immigration and Naturalization are checking the green-card status of most of the people who want to work.

The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark-building experience.

To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark.

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, 'You mean you're not going to destroy the world?'

'No,' said the Lord. 'The government beat me to it.'

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Prototype Questions

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